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MEETING

ON THE EVE OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARY'S IMPORTANT DIRECTORATE MEETING ON JANUARY 11, SPOKESMEN FOR THE PRINCIPAL DC LEADERS AND PARTY GROUPS TOOK THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

--EVANGELISTI (ANDREOTTI): "THE ENTRY OF THE COMMUNISTS IN THE MAJORITY COULD BE A SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS" EVEN IF IT WILL NOT BE EASY "TO GET ALL THE PARTY TO ACCEPT IT."

--D'AREZZO (FANFANI): "A KIND OF GOVERNMENT MAJORITY (WITH THE PCI) ALREADY EXISTS;" IT'S THERFORE NOT USEFUL TO GET WORKED UP OVER "PHRASEOLOGY."

--LETTER SUPPORTING ZACCAGNINI AND MORO REPORTEDLY SIGNED BY SOME 100 PARLIAMENTARIANS: A SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUND BY BROADENING THE PROGRAM ACCORD WHICH IN TURN BE GIVEN "A MORE RESPONSIBLE AND DIRECT SUPPORT BY ALL THE CONSTITUTIONAL PARTIES" (PCI INCLUDED).

--PICCOLI (AFTER MEETING OF MODERATE DOROTEO FACTION):
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CONFIRMED OPPOSITION TO PCI ENTRY INTO THE MAJORITY BUT WARNED THAT EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WOULD AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION.

--DONAT CATTIN (FORZE NUOVE FACTION): "THE ENTRY OF THE COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INCREASE, RATHER THAN DIMISH, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TENSIONS."

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--LETTER TO ZACCAGNINI REPORTEDLY NOW SIGNED BY 98 MODERATE
AND COSERVATIVE PARLIAMENTARIANS: "WE MUST NOT PERMIT SOLUTIONS
TO BE ACCEPTED" WHICH GO BEYOND THE PROGRAM ACCORD, THE PPLICY
ADOPTED BY THE PARTY AT THE 13TH CONGRESS, AND"THE OBLIGATIONS
THE PARTY MADE TO ITS ELECTORATE".

--MAZZOTTA IJJN NG REFORM GROUP)C "I AM AGAINST THE PCI IN
THE MAJORITY; IF THE PARTY SHOULD TAKE A DIFFERENT DECISON,
I AND MY COLLEAGUES KNOW HOW WE WILL RESPOND."

--DE CAROLIS-ROSSI DE MONTELERA "MILAN GROUP OF 23": WILL
VOTE AGAINST THE PARTY IN PARLIAMENT SHLD THE DC AGREE TO
THE "ENTRY, HOWEVER MASKED, OF THE PCI IN THE MAJORITY
OR, EVEN WORSE, IN THE GOVERNMENT."

IN VIEW OF THE SHARP DIVISION THAT IS APPARENT IN THIS SAMPLING
OF DC LEADERS AND GROUPINGS ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF BRINGING
THE COMMUNISTS INTO THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, IT WOULD BE
HAZARDOUS TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THIS AFTERNOON'S DIRECTORATE
SESSION. HOLMES

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